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April 12, 2005

Mr. James C. Coffey, Chief
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Re: Columbus County – Riegel Ridge, L.L.C. Franchise And Host Community Agreement For
Solid Waste Collection And Disposal Services

Dear Mr. Coffey:

As you know, Columbus County, NC (the "County") entered into the above agreement with Riegel Ridge, L.L.C. ("Riegel Ridge") dated October 4, 1999, as amended on May 7 and September 17, 2001 (the "Agreement"), addressing the proposed Riegel Ridge Landfill (the "Landfill"). The County approved the Agreement (including its amendments) pursuant to proper notice, procedure and vote.

The County's knowledge of Waste Management's involvement in the Landfill development project is evidenced by the County's letter of January 8, 2002 to you. The County approved the permission granted in the January 8th letter pursuant to proper notice, procedure and vote. That letter granted the County's permission to Riegel Ridge to assign the Agreement to Waste Management pursuant to the County's reference to the Agreement. The County's grant of that permission remains in place, and it provides Riegel Ridge with permission to assign its interests in the Agreement to Waste. Further, Waste Management has advised the County that Waste Management of Carolinas, Inc. has acquired all of the membership interests of Riegel Ridge, LLC.

The County has been working on this project since 1994, and the County has had numerous public hearings on, and approvals of, this project. As you know, the County has also visited with DENR and voiced our support of the project. It has been almost six years since our first approval of the Agreement and Columbus County does continue support of this project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

Sammie Jacobs, Chairman

cc: Columbus County Commissioners
Riegel Ridge Landfill (file)



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Acting Chief, Solid Waste Section
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January 8, 2002

Re: Franchise Assignment

Dear Mr. Coffey:

The Columbus County Commissioners, duly elected to represent over 54,000 citizens within Columbus County do hereby recognize and endorse the ultimate design, construction and operation of the Riegel Ridge Municipal Solid Waste Landfill to Waste Management in compliance with our host franchise agreement dated October 4, 1999; Article VIII, Para. 8.02.

Based upon our many years of planning (since 1994) and your Departments continued thorough review of the site feasibility of this project (since March of 2000) we are very comfortable that this project is both environmentally safe and is a good fiscal decision for Columbus County residents, communities and businesses and we are hopeful for your speedy reply and continued assistance with Riegel Ridge, LLC, Waste Management and Columbus County in expediting the permitting of this project for our community.

Please call if I can provide any additional information or elaboration regarding Columbus County Commissioner's written permission of assignment of our host/franchise agreement or any other facet of the importance of this project for Columbus County.

Sincerely,

Amon McKenzie, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Cc: Columbus County Commissioners
Riegel Ridge Municipal Landfill (file)

